

Memo

To: DEHS Forensic Laboratory

SPECIAL ATTENTION Chemistry Section

From: Chief Arson Investigator, DEFD

CC: SAC, ATF, Philadelphia

Date: 2/24/2012

Re: Case# 20111207001

Enclosed are 4 specimens marked Q-2 thru Q-5. These specimens were collected from the following persons of interest.

Specimen Q-2 was collected from the rear of a green 1994 Ford F-150 belonging to Barney Miller. Mr. Miller was found cleaning out the bed of his truck 1 block from the crime scene. Mr. Miller had in his possession an unmarked 5-gal can of an unknown clear liquid that had similar properties to specimen Q-1. Mr. Miller is employed as a school custodian.

Specimen Q-3 was collected from art supplies used by Anna Appleby to paint a mural on the wall of a building directly across the street from the fire building. Ms. Appleby is a local artist, painter, and muralist.

Specimen Q-4 was collected from Virginia Lawson Smith auto repair business. Ms. Smith was the reporting party for the fire. While questioning Ms. Smith, Police detected an odor of a "chemical substance" on her clothing. A sample was taken and labeled Q-4.

Specimen Q-5 was collected from materials found in the trunk of a tan 1999 Buick Regal belonging to Dr. Martin B. Brown, PhD. Dr. Brown is a chemistry professor at the University of Hardknocks. He resides at 375 Devon Drive, 200 ft from the fire building. Dr. Brown had a 2.5 liter glass bottle of an unknown liquid. Dr. Brown refused to reveal what was in the bottle until he had legal counsel.

The DEHS Forensic Laboratory is requested to compare specimens Q-2 through Q-5 to previously submitted specimens.